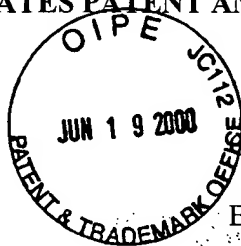


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Sir:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the Examiner is hereby respectfully advised that the references listed on the attached sheet are known by or have come to the attention of Applicants and are being submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner. Applicants have identified the references on Form PTO-1449, attached hereto. A copy of all the listed references are included.

It has come to the attention of Applicants that there was a typographical error in the specification of the patent application with respect to U.S. Patent No. 5,008,021, Conner et al. This reference should be U.S. Patent No. 5,008,201, Ryan. In an abundance of caution, the Applicants have submitted both references for the Examiner to consider.

It is Applicants' opinion that the claims presently before the Examiner patentably distinguish the present invention from each of these references whether taken alone or in combination. The above references are being cited only in the interest of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art or contain matter which anticipates the invention or which would render the same obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

A listing of the references on form PTO-1449 is submitted herewith. A copy of "Protective Effect of a-Tocopherol, Ascorbic Acid and Rutin against Peroxidative Stress Induced by Oxidized Lipoproteins on Lymphoid Cell Lines by Negre-Salvayre et al. was unavailable at the time of submission. Applicant is endeavoring to secure a copy of the same for the Examiner. Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the cited references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

In the event a first Office Action on the merits has been mailed in the above-identified application prior to the Certificate of Mailing date set forth above, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee due under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) to Applicants' attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-1097. A duplicate copy of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (248) 593-9900.

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